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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT TIGHTENS SECURITY IN AREA NEAR VIENTIANE

REF A VIENTIANE 1015, B VIENTIANE 2281

1. SEVERAL LOCAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT AROUND SEPTEMBER 14 GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARRESTED MANY PEOPLE LIVING IN THREE VILLAGES ABOUT 5 KILOMETERS FROM VIENTIANE. ROADS LEADING TO THESE THREE VILLAGES, BAN HOUA KHOUA, NA KHOUAI AND HONG LOUA, HAVE BEEN BLOCKED OFF BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN TO ENTER NEARBY FORESTS TO HUNT OR FISH TO PREVENT THEM FROM AIDING LOCAL INSURGENTS. ANOTHER LOCAL SOURCE HAS REPORTED THAT FIGHTING BETWEEN INSURGENTS AND PL TROOPS OCCURRED IN BAN NA KHOUAI VILLAGE SEPTEMBER 14 WITH CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES.

2. A LOCAL EMPLOYEE ADDED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 20, THE CHIEF OF SECURITY FOR THE CANTON IN WHICH THE THREE VILLAGES ARE LOCATED AND HIS DEPUTY WERE ARRESTED BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS ON CHARGES OF AIDING INSURGENTS.

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3. COMMENT: INSURGENT ACTIVITY SO CLOSE TO VIENTIANE AND TO SAM
KHE PRISON, SCENE OF THE APRIL PRISON BREAK REPORTED REF A, MAY
WELL BE RELATED TO THE RECENT GOVERNMENT ROUNDUP OF FORMER FAR
PERSONNEL IN VIENTIANE REPORTED REF B.
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